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CLAIMS

1. A decorative base paper for decorative coating materials, comprising a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, and the talc has a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 3.0 μm .
2. A decorative base paper according to claim 1, wherein the talc has a specific surface area of more than approximately 30,000 m^2/kg .
3. A decorative base paper according to claim 1, wherein the talc content is 0.1 to 25 wt%, based on the total pigment content.
4. A decorative base paper according to claim 1, wherein the paper contains cationically modified cellulose fibers.
5. A decorative base paper according to claim 4, wherein the cellulose fibers are modified with quaternary ammonium compounds with glycidyl function.
6. A decorative paper or decorative sheet containing a decorative base paper, said base paper comprises a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, and the talc has a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 3.0 μm .

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